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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES NEW MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FORM  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2008**

The Probate and Family Court announces a new Medical Certificate form (CJ-P 112), which will now be used in guardianship cases involving disabled individuals.

The previous version of this form has been significantly changed to require information necessary for the court to assess the functionality of the proposed ward and the need for a limited or full (plenary) guardianship.

The Probate and Family Court's Guardianship Committee worked extensively with lawyers and representatives of the medical community in developing this form. While the form is long, it will provide judges with the information they need in making the important decision of whether to interfere with the fundamental liberty interest of an individual to make decisions for themselves, in whole or in part, by entering a guardianship decree.

This finalized version of the form has an effective date of Tuesday, April 15, 2008. **As of April 15, 2008, this form must be used.**

If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Jocelynnne Welsh or John Cross at the Administrative Office of the Probate and Family Court Department.